

Announcements

- Representing our FCBC brothers and sisters, I want to thank all the many individuals involved in the December 24/25 weekend services. There were all too many of us to thank individually but do know that the Father knows of your service!
Your Co-worker for the Kingdom, Pastor Don
- As a Southern Baptist Church, we are privileged to be part of the mission to reach the nations through our International Mission Board. As of 12/28/2022: Offering = \$16,100.00; Goal = \$15,000.00; % offering/goal = 107%
- Please indicate 2022 on the check memo or envelope of your offering drop off so our finance team can set these checks apart from the 2023 offerings. Any offerings received next Sunday 1/8 will be counted as 2023 offerings. Finance will be closing the book after this Sunday. We'll start preparing 2022 giving statements next week to be mailed out in Mid-Jan
- **The Arizona Rock N Roll Marathon & Half Marathon returns Sunday January 15th.** There will be road closures in your area. Please see attached Access Map for directions to the church during the event. Please allow a few extra minutes in travel time.
- **Church Council Meeting Jan. 14th**
- **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Jan. 22, 2023**
On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January (or close to that) as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. Pastors, churches and life organizations across the United States use this day to bring awareness to the attacks that are daily waged against human life through the abortion industry. One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by bringing into the light the darkness of abortion, and supporting local Pregnancy Help Organizations who daily reach women and families with messages of hope and life.
"The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name." Isaiah 49:1

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 1ST, 2023

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	Deacon Jim Loui
Worship Music	Praise Team
Lord's Supper	Pastor Don Gardner
Scripture Reading	Allen Pan
Sermon	Pastor Donald Gardner
Response Music & Closing	Praise Team

Sermon Title: Who is this 'Jesus?'

Scripture: John 1: 1-13

Preacher: Pastor Don Gardner

I. The Position of Christ v.1-3

II. The Importance of Life and Light v.4-9

III. Self-revelation of Jesus v.10-14

Conclusion: Jesus's Ultimate Identity?

WORDS: "Michael Santos is Gone"

In the summer of 2013, my wife and I departed Shanghai to return to life in the western world. After several months in the US, January 1 of 2014 was our first day of ministry at Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church. During the first two weeks there, I received news that Michael Santos, my coworker and friend, had died at the age of 52 in his home in Manila. His death left his wife and 3 small children on their own. Michael was born in Maryland and completed his Bachelors and MBA before becoming an international businessman with an educational corporation in China.

Michael always appeared healthy and energetic so his passing with a heart attack was a shock. When any of us have lived for a few years, we have had the experience of losing a relative or friend that we had not expected to see depart at the time that they did. When a friend/relative is elderly, the idea of that person passing from the trials and health issues of this world is seen as understandable. For younger persons, the hope is for a productive and meaningful life experience.

Honestly, even with many death experiences over the years, Michael's death was pretty devastating for me. I can say it shook my world. He had been trying to get me to come back to work with students in Asia and then, he was gone. The hole that he left was large for many of us. My point is that none of us know how long we have in this world regardless of our age or health. With only one life to offer our Lord, I can only hope that all of us at FCBC will see the urgency of giving our all to reaching the lost persons that surround us daily. Missions isn't just overseas work but is found in our own city. Let us be good soldiers for our Lord's service.

Pastor Don

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.*



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