Announcements

- For those of you may have a long history with FCBC, Andrew Tang was a member of our church back in the 60s-80s and passed away on Jan. 6, 2023. There will be a burial service at Greenwood Memory Lawn on Jan. 17th at 2:30pm.
- Deacons' meeting | Jan. 21st, Sat. 8:30AM

• Missionary Sharing | Jan. 22

Marilyn Hing will be sharing her experiences in the mission field with us in both English and Chinese worship services.

• Sanctity of Human Life Sunday | Jan. 22

"The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. " Isaiah 49:1

 Churchwide Monthly Prayer Meeting | Jan. 28th Theme: Prayers for a New Year Time: 10AM Zoom link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81253616688</u> Passcode: 85018

• The FLC **Kitchen Grand Re-opening** is scheduled for Sunday Jan 29! The Food Service Committee will be preparing a special meal at 12:30 PM to celebrate the re-opening and Chinese New Year's. Please come, and bring your family and friends to church for worship and bible study in the morning, and stay for the fellowship during the special meal in the afternoon.

FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 15TH, 2023

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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



FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

Welcome & Prayer	Faith Ong
Worship Music	Praise Team
Scripture Reading	Anna Yee
Message	Deacon Emmitt Phok
Response Music & Closing	Praise Team

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Jan. 22th: Marilyn Hing - ES & CS Jan. 29th : Pastor Donald Gardner - ES & CS

Title: God, Why Are You Ignoring Me?

Overall Proposition: Psalms 139-1-4 Speaker: Deacon Emmitt Phok

1. James 4:2

2. John 7:37-38

3. 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

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: Prayer is More than a "Good Hope!"

Damar Hamlin, a 24 year old Cincinatti Bengals player, collapsed during the 1st Quarter of a football game against the Buffalo Bills (Jan.2). He had made a tackle, stood up to walk away, and then fell to the ground. The result was that he was given CPR and taken to the hospital via an ambulance. The result was that all those professional football players were devastated and the game was postponed....indefinitely. The suspension of the game was done out of respect for the dire nature of the situation and how it was impacting the hearts of all present. The stands gradually began to empty as people who had spent a fortune to attend the game departed. Indeed, many of the players, on both teams, were seen crying. Many of the players kneeled to talk about what was being experienced by all. Over and over, various individuals were interviewed and the audience heard of the sad state of all present and how people were praying for Damar.

The sensitivity and depth of concern was greatly appreciated, and yet, I was amazed at how much talk about "hearts and prayers" was coming from commentators with not one daring to ACTUALLY PRAY! Some players dared to gather and pray while others walked around in shock. The word "prayer" was common but the public action of prayer was not in evidence of people knowing how to actually direct their concerns to the Father. How disappointing that we learn words that show spiritual importance for people but with little understanding that there is a difference in actual prayer and "having hopes" for another person. One of the sport's commentators stated that he didn't care what the religious beliefs and attitudes were in different people but, if people are religious, "they need to send their hopes and prayers up for this young man."

It is my hope that we, at FCBC, will learn to be more bold in actually praying for others because we know to whom we are addressing! Let us learn to put our hand on another person's shoulder and have a shared heart with them as we pray for God's blessing in his/her life.

Pastor Don



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