

## Announcements

- For **2022 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**, we have completed our goal 116%. Praise the Lord.

- **Church Council Meeting (Online) | Jan. 14th**

- **Road Closures | Jan. 15th**

The Arizona Rock N Roll Marathon & Half Marathon will be using the road around our church area, please see <https://www.runrocknroll.com/arizona-courses> for event map, and allow a few extra minutes in travel time on Sunday morning.

- **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**

- 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.

### Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

Jan. 15th: Deacon Emmitt Phok - ES & Bo Xing - CS

Jan. 22th: Pastor Don Gardner - ES&CS

## FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH OF PHOENIX, AZ SUNDAY WORSHIP JANUARY 8TH, 2023

Join us for worship services on campus or online

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

Livestream available: [fbcphx.org/sermons](http://fbcphx.org/sermons)



### FCBC Order of Sunday Worship

<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b>	Gloria Revallo
<b>Worship Music</b>	Praise Team
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Su Mae Pribbeno
<b>Sermon</b>	Pastor Donald Gardner
<b>Response Music &amp; Closing</b>	Praise Team



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## Sermon Title: The Ministry Team of Jesus

Scripture Reading: John 1: 43-51

Preacher: Pastor Don Gardner

I. Selecting His Ministry Team: Acts 10: 34-35 states that God is no respecter of persons....no partiality.  
(John 1:43-46)

II. Jesus Appreciates Transparency Without Self-deception:  
(v. 47)

III. Where Is Your Fig Tree? (v. 48-51)

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: "Does Gateway Baptist Seminary have Different Degrees?"

This past week while with a group of FCBC members in a Sunday School class, I was confronted with questions tied to the various seminary degree programs available. Explaining that some degrees are for individuals planning to serve in ministry, some are for laymen desiring to increase their Biblical knowledge, and some are more for the development of teachers, I was asked if I could help to educate our church about some of the varying degrees currently available. All Master's Degrees require a Bachelor's background and the Doctoral Degrees require a Master's background prior to acceptance as a student. For certain, there is no "one size fits all" with seminary study!

**The Master of Divinity (MDiv)** is a three-year, 90 credit hour program designed to set students on a trajectory of lifelong personal, spiritual, and professional growth. Probable future roles after graduation will be as a Pastor, church planter, missional strategist, director of missions, denominational worker, chaplain, or missionary.

**The Master of Theological Studies (MTS)** is a two-year, 49 credit hour foundational program designed for laymen seeking deeper assistance in how to assist others with their spiritual growth. The MTS degree is designed to meet basic theological needs for effective service, in volunteer or paid positions depending on the needs of the organization or church.

**The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership** is a two-year, 49 credit hour program designed to equip students to become competent leaders in the educational ministries of churches, parachurch organizations, and denominational agencies. Probable future roles after graduation will be in Christian education ministries, small group ministries, teaching, missionary service, denominational work, or age-specific ministries such as preschool, youth, or college.

**The Doctor of Ministry Degree (D. Min.)** includes a three to six year timeframe of 30 units and multiple special supervised projects prior to the final doctoral assignment. The duration of the study will include 16 units of seminar work, 8 units of field work, 6 units of ministry project including the "write-up & defense," for a total of 30 total units.

**The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** is an advanced academic degree designed to prepare students to teach at higher education institutions, engage in deep research and to contribute academically to their chosen field. Seminar-style classes and small cohorts encourage students to create community while they learn, encouraging one another in advancing their ministries. As with any doctoral study, the completion of the program will require multiple years of study.

Pastor Don