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THE CONVERSATION

**First Chinese Baptist Church**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Welcome and Announcements**

Patti Kunkel

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Children’s Time**

Patti Kunkel

**“We Are Here to Worship You”**

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

讚美真神萬福之根

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

世上萬民讚美主恩

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

天使天軍讚美主名

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

讚美聖父聖子聖靈 阿門

**“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

Bell Choir

**“Hearing God: The Conversation”**

Pastor Steve Thurman

**“In the Garden”**

**Benediction**

**God be with You**

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:2-10

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it; yet I do not advise you to do it from that motive. It is not pleasure which we ought to seek in this exercise; but let us do it from a principle of love, and because God would have us."

(Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*)

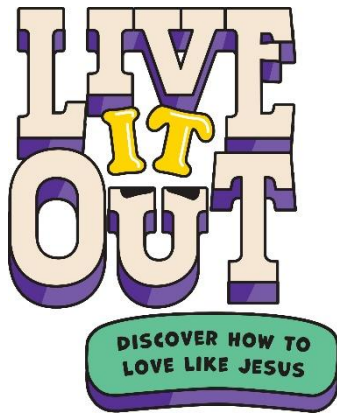
### Upcoming Events

May 18	Shepherding mtg,	12:00 pm
May 25	Reception for Ghan	12:00 pm
June 1	BYF	6:30 pm
June 7	Ladies Prayer Breakfast	9:00 am
June 8	Grad Sunday	
June 10	Deacons mtg.	7:00 pm

### Weekly Events

Wednesdays	Pickleball	6:00 pm
Wednesdays	Bell Choir	6:30 pm
Saturdays	Pickleball	9:15 am

Please let Liz know of any activities that should be on our church calendar



### Save the Date

FCBC's VBS

July 28-August 1

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Registration is \$25  
per student  
till June 1st

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