

Announcements:

- * We welcome everyone especially new friends who are worshipping with us this morning. May God bless them and those who attend today's service.
- * Next Sunday (3/30) we will have English worship starting at 9:15 AM and Chinese service starts at 10:45 AM. Live stream is also available. Please join us. Adults (Chinese) Sunday school starts at 9:30 AM, English adults and youth Sunday school will start at 10:45 AM, Please take note of the start time.
- * This week prayer meeting will be online ZOOM on Wednesday evening (3/26) starts at 7:30 PM. Please join us in prayer.
- * To enhance the unity and communication among the church brothers and sisters, a combined fellowship gathering is planned for Saturday, March 29th. The potluck dinner will start at 6:00 PM, and the event will begin around 7:00 PM, including singing, games, and sharing of testimonies.
- * We are planning for a baptism soon. If you are interested, please let an elder or Pastor Martin know. We will have new member induction on 3/30. If you would like to be considered for membership, please contact an elder, a deacon, or Pastor Martin.
- * The pickleball and badminton courts in the church gym are now open for use. Brothers and sisters are welcome to actively participate to strengthen our bodies and enhance fellowship. For more details, please contact Brother Baojun or Brother Jingyi.

Prayer Items:

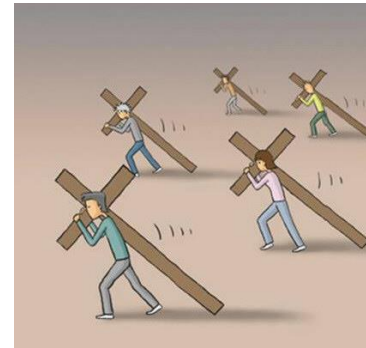
- * Pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue the search. Pray for unity in our church family and pray for the right Chinese pastor that send by God.
- * Pray for 2025 church theme: "Equipping believers in God-centered Life."
- * Please pray for our church's children and youth ministry and ask God to provide us with brothers or sisters to lead and serve in this ministry. Pray for our new children's Sunday School curriculum that it will be very useful in teaching God's word.
- * Remember Sister Susan Gao in her battle with cancer. Pray for courage, strength, and God's healing. The Gaos have moved to Houston to better accommodate treatment.
- * Please continue to pray for elderly parents of the brothers and sisters. Tim Liu's mom, Sugin's dad & mom, Ling's mom, Jennifer's dad.
- * Sister Barbara had successful surgery to remove a cancerous tumor which had spread locally. She sees her surgeon/oncologist on Tuesday to find out about chemo treatment. Thank you for your love and care for her!
- * Pray for newly baptized brother Walter, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide him to growth in faith.
- * Give thanks to the Lord for a wonderful co-workers retreat. Please continue to pray for them to serve the Lord faithfully and in unity. May God protect them and their family.

The Tulsa Chinese Christian Church

Welcomes You!

裝備信徒以神為中心的生命

Equipping believers in God-centered Life



Joyful Living for Christ: Philippians 3:1-11

The Greatest Gain - Knowing Christ

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Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.² Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh--⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.⁷ But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.⁸ What is more, I STILL AM counting everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his

sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

1. THROUGH PUTTING NO C _____ IN ONE'S S _____

Jeremiah 9:23-24 This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,"

2. BY FINDING THE R _____ THAT COMES BY F _____

“Unless your righteousness EXCEEDS the Pharisees, you shall NEVER enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:20)

3. BY COUNTING ALL E _____ AS L _____

4. THROUGH LONGING TO KNOW JESUS MORE AND MORE

APPLICATION

How do we get to the point of longing for more and more of Christ? Spend time with Jesus! You can get to know Him more and more. He’s a real person that you can spend time with! But it is an investment, a friendship, an availability. Talk with Him. Spend time in quiet listening to Him. Ask Him to speak to you every time you open His word. But, be HONEST with Him – I’m struggling, I’m tempted, I’m hurting, I’m sad – Jesus, speak to me, let me know you where I am. Ask Him to lead you, guide you, reveal more of who He is to you.

Whatever you have experienced of Jesus, however well you know Him personally, there is still so much more to know and experience. Do NOT stop where you are! Go deeper, plunge into the depths of His love and wisdom. He is infinite and full of more grace, mercy, kindness, wisdom, and love than we can know. He can be more present to you than we can imagine. But we have to desire more and make the move to use the spiritual disciplines He has given us to grow into Him.