

#### Announcements:

- \* We welcome today, Brother Mark Xie. May the Lord bless his time with us.
- \* 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 (5/4) we will have a combined service starting at 10:45 AM. Live stream is also available. Please join us. Adults and youth Sunday school starts at 9:30 AM, We encourage teens and children to sit with their parents as families during worship time.
- \* This week prayer meeting will on ZOOM Wednesday evening (4/30) starts at 7:30 PM. Please join us in prayer.
- \* Our church Summer Vacation Bible School will be held from 7/15-19. Please reserve your time to participate. Please contact sister WeiXiu for more information.

#### Prayer & Praise 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.
- \* Remember Sister Susan Gao in her battle with cancer. Pray for courage, strength, and God's healing.
- \* Please continue to pray for elderly parents of the brothers and sisters. Tim Liu's mom, Sugin's dad & mom, Ling's mom. Pray for Dr. Li as he has some more health challenges ahead. Pray for strength & wisdom for Kathryn and Jennifer.
- \* Sister Barbara had her second round of chemotherapy on Thursday. Pray that side-effects will be minimized.
- \* Brother John Liang has his second chemotherapy round in Houston this Thursday. Pray for strength and endurance.
- \* Sister Paula is at home. Continue to pray for her restoration.
- \* Pray for our All-Church retreat Committee as we work on the program. Pray for the Lord's leading, good ideas, and good planning.
- \* Pray for our restaurant workers cell group studying Mark's gospel. Pray that they can all know the Lord better.
- \* Pray for Sister Yu Yan's full restoration of health.
- \* Pray for Grace & Mark as they await their baby girl - due date May 13.
- \* Pray for our university students to wrap up their semester's work well and for opportunities this summer. Pray for their growth in Christ.

## **The Tulsa Chinese Christian Church** **Welcomes You!**

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### **Joyful Living for Christ: Philippians 4:4-5** **Experiencing God's Peace – part 1** **April 27, 2025**

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

**1. BY C R IN THE LORD**

Here are a few verses that remind us why we should rejoice in the Lord:  
Psalm 13:5-6 Psalm 31:7 Psalm 32:10-11 Psalm 40:16 Psalm 97:1  
Psalm 119:62 Rejoice that we have peace with God – Rom. 5:1 Therefore,  
since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ,

## Reasons for rejoicing in Philipians

1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is willing to grant us peace!

Phi 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Rejoice, God will complete the good work He has begun in you!

1:23 Rejoice – departing this life and going to be with Christ is better!

2:13 Rejoice: for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### 3:1 Rejoice – it is a command of the Scriptures

3:3ff Rejoice, we worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh--

3:22: Rejoice, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

3:21 Rejoice, Jesus will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**2. THROUGH BEING A G & G PERSON -**

The MESSAGE: *“Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you’re on their side, working with them and not against them.”*

**3. BY ALWAYS KEEPING IN M -THE L IS N**

He is near to us in terms of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Col. 1:27 Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Heb. 13:5-6 God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

He is also near to us in terms of C\_\_\_\_\_

James 4:8 Come/Draw near to God and he will come/draw near to you.

## APPLICATION

What has been your experience of late in terms of His nearness or distance?

How, when, and why have you been rejoicing in the Lord lately?

Write down a log here:

How have you been dealing with others lately?

Would they say you are gentle & gracious?

Does God's peace manifest itself in your relationships? If not, why?