

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We welcome everyone and especially new friends who are worshipping with us this morning. May God bless those who attend today's service.
2. Next Sunday (2/4)) we will have a combined Communion service at 10:45 AM. We will have in person service and live stream. Please join our service.
3. As the start of the new year, we would like to encourage brothers and sisters to join a Sunday school class which help us learn more about God's word. We have a new believer's class. Please choose your preferred class to learn God's word.
4. 4C bible reading class Spring semester meets this afternoon at 2 PM. This semester we are going to read the book of Act. We invite you to join and please contact brother Sugin, sister Elaine or Alice Du for more information.
5. The church will start AE training at 10am on 2/3 for those who would like to learn to help with the Audio & Visual. Please contact brother Yung Lee if you are interested.
6. Church choir will meet after lunch at sanctuary to practice for the new year presentation song. Choir members please meet at 1 PM to start practice.
7. During this flu season, please stay home if you are not feeling well and let the deacons know if you need assistance. Stay healthy and keep warmth.
8. Our church will celebrate the Chinese New Year on 2/24. We invite each cell groups, fellowships to prepare program to share the blessing and the love of the Lord.

## **PRAYER**

- \* Our Pastoral Search Committee had their first meeting last week! Pray for them as they begin their important work – pray for unity, wisdom, and discernment.
- \* Our Deacon Board has two new servants and we are still praying for a few more. Pray with us.
- \* Sister Susan Kao had another round of chemo on Tuesday. Pray for the effectiveness of the treatment and strength for Susan.
- \* Our new believers' class is off to a very good start! Praise God. Pray for consistent attendance and joyful learning.
- \* Continue to remember Sister Su Reavis as she faces major surgery in February.
- \* Please pray that the church's water leak restoration work can be done quickly and smoothly. There are a number of things to address. Pray for favor with our insurance company and wisdom as we proceed.
- \* Please remember our church supported missionaries and organizations in Asia. Pray for the protection and their ministry. Pray for Paula as she is wrapping up her ministry in SY. Pray that both of her adopted daughters will be able to come here with her.
- \* Pray regarding this summer's missions work/trip for youth AND adults!
- \* Pray for Chris Chow's mother, Annie, as she having serious health issues. Chris and Jennifer are with her in NC.
- \* Pray for Gary, dear friend of Peiwen, whose wife, Wendy, died shortly after giving birth recently. Josephine is the 3 year-old daughter and Enoch is the new baby boy.

## **APPLICATION**

How are you doing in honoring the LORD with your wealth?  
How are you doing in being generous with those in need?  
How are you doing in not allowing wealth to be the place of your hope & trust?  
How are you doing in leading a disciplined life?  
How are you doing in staying away from foolish behavior?  
Are you overcoming the temptation to compromise character values in order to gain wealth?

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



### **Proverbs – Wisdom about Wealth**

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28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

22:9 A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

## **DON'T C V TO GAIN WEALTH –**

17:23 A wicked man accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the course of justice.  
29:4 By justice a king gives a country stability, but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.  
15:27 A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.

16:8 Better a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.  
13:11 Wealth gained through injustice dwindles away, but whoever gathers little by little has plenty.  
28:6 Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

15:16 Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure with turmoil. 15:17 Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.  
19:1 Better a poor man who walks in integrity than someone who has deceitful lips and is a fool.

## **WEALTH HAS LIMITED V**

11:4 Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. NIV  
11:28 Whoever trusts his riches will fall, but righteous people will flourish like a green leaf.  
23:4-5 Don't wear yourself out to get rich; stop giving your attention to it. As soon as your eyes fly to it, it disappears, for it makes wings for itself and flies like an eagle to the sky.

16:16 Acquire wisdom--how much better it is than gold! And acquire understanding--it is preferable to silver.  
17:1 Better a bite of dry bread eaten in peace than a family feast filled with strife.  
22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

## **FOOLISH BEHAVIOR CAN LEAD TO P**

23:20-21 Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.  
21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

## **BUT HARD WORK & WISE LIVING BRINGS R**

21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.  
14:23 There is profit in all hard work, but endless talk leads only to poverty.  
10:4 Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring riches.  
10:5 The son who gathers during summer is prudent; the son who sleeps during harvest is disgraceful.  
13:4 The slacker craves, yet has nothing, but the diligent is fully satisfied.  
6:6 Go to the ant, you slacker! Observe its ways and become wise.

## **WEALTH SHOULD BE S**

4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.  
Luke 12:15 "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

22:9 A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.  
28:27 The one who gives to the poor will not be in need, but one who turns his eyes away will receive many curses.  
11:25 A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.  
11:24 One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor.  
3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest; then your barns will be completely filled, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

## **OUR T SHOULD NOT BE IN WEALTH**

18:11 The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall. (Message 18:11 The rich think their wealth protects them; they imagine themselves safe behind it.)  
30:7-9 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:...give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.