

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * We welcome everyone especially new friends who are worshipping with us this morning. May God bless those who attend today's service.
- * Next Sunday (4/21) we will English worship service starts at 9:15 AM and Chinese worship service starts on 10:45 AM. Live stream is also available.
- * A prayer team is available to pray with you on the left side of the sanctuary after worship.
- * Our church annual congregation meeting will be held after lunch today from 12:45 PM to 1:45 PM. Members, please plan to attend. Others are welcome to attend. Please join us and receive update about church matters.
- * Our church will organize a picnic at Haikey Park, 11327 S Garnett Rd, Broken Arrow on 4/27 from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Please mark on your calendar and contact brother Yung Lee for more information.
- * This year our church VBS will be held from 7/22-7/26. We will start recruiting volunteers and if you want to participate, please contact brother Yen Ting, brother Xiao Ming, sister WeiXiu or sister Lily.

PRAYER

1. Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee - as they do their important work – pray for unity, wisdom, and discernment. Pray for our next Chinese pastor as the Lord prepares him.
2. Sister Susan Kao – Praise the Lord for the effectiveness of her treatments so far. Pray for further healing and ridding of cancer.
3. Paula is traveling on a ministry trip. Pray for safety. Upon her return, they will be packing up, seeking to sell the house and car. Pray! Pray for foster daughter Lily to get her needed visa to come here and for the provision of a house and car here.
4. Praise the Lord for the restoration work that has been done. Pray for upcoming decisions to be made.
5. Pray regarding this summer's missions work/trip for youth AND adults! Our Missions deacon, Elder Fang Xiang, is exploring options.
6. Pray for our church supported missionary organization and co-workers in C. Pray for the protection and provision.
7. Dr. Chris had his nasal surgery on Thursday, and it went well. There is still a lot of pain and bleeding. Pray for healing and great benefit to come from the surgery.
8. Pray Shao Hong, Daniel Hsieh, & David Li's growth in their relationship with Jesus.
9. Pray for Dr. Andrew and Sophia as they are in Hong Kong April 3-15. Pray especially for their witness to is his sister.
10. Hank & Elaine are in Europe for a restful time with Elaine's sister & church group.

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



The Blessing of Meekness - Matthew 5:5

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“What Jesus teaches in the sayings collected in the Sermon on the Mount is not a complete regulation of the life of the disciples, and it is not intended to be; rather, what is taught here are symptoms, signs, examples of what it means when the kingdom of God breaks into the world, which is still under sin, death, and the devil. You yourselves should be signs of the coming kingdom of God, signs that something has already happened.” -Joachim Jeremias

Meekness is important because it is a characteristic of J

2 Cor. 10: 1 "By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you"

Meekness "denotes the humble and gentle attitude which expresses itself in particular in a patient submissiveness to offense, free from malice and desire for revenge. (R. Leivestad).

Praus – used by ancient Greeks to describe a domesticated animal, one trained to obey commands, one which has learned to accept control. Blessed is the man who has every instinct, every impulse, every passion under control. William Barclay

The fruit of the Spirit is:

Gal. 5:23

G____ - Controlled S_____

Another necessity is: H_____

One's proper attitude toward God

Barclay: "Blessed is the man who has the humility to know his own ignorance, his own weakness, and his own need."

Characteristics of meek people

Meek people are those who T_____ in the LORD (Psalm 37)

Ps. 37:11 Psalm 37 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Meek people are concerned about the needs of O_____ as they've learned they can trust their Heavenly Father to meet their needs.

Meek people can accept constructive C_____ from others because they know the truth about themselves that they are still poor in spirit – not yet perfected.

James 1:19-21. My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and **humbly** (meekly) accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Meek people are T_____

Meek people are A_____

Matt. 11:27-28 Jesus said: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Meek people don't seek to R_____

Meekness does NOT equal W_____

Numbers 12:3

James 3:13-18 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the gentleness/meekness that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

They have a G_____ R_____

What do we do if we're not meek?