

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 (4/28) 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.

* Church Family Picnic this Saturday (4/27) at Haikey Creek Park, 11327 S Garnett Rd, Broken Arrow from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Please bring side dishes to share. There is sign-up sheet in Telegram to sign up for marinating the meats.

* This year our church VBS will be held from 7/22-7/25. 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. Pray for Paula as will soon begin packing up their house, 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. Praise the Lord, Dr. Chris' nasal surgery went well and he is recovering well.

8. Pray Shao Hong, Daniel Hsieh, & David Li's growth in their relationship with Jesus.

9. Hank & Elaine are in Europe for a restful time with Elaine's sister & church group.

10. Oscar needs his visa for travel to C in May. Pray for a quick turnaround.

11. Pray for Jimmy, Elaine's brother, as he seeks work.

12. Pray also for Angeline (from Malaysia) who graduated from Iowa in December and needs to find a job.

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

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ARE THE
Merciful
FOR THEY WILL BE
Shown
MERCY

Matthew 5:7

The Blessing of Mercy - Matthew 5:7
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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

MERCIFUL PEOPLE R THE C OF GOD

Psalm 103:8-14 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

BEING MERCIFUL IS NOT A WAY TO E GOD'S M

Matt. 6:12-15 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

BEING MERCIFUL IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR D J OR DISCIPLINE

MERCIFUL PEOPLE G O WHAT THEY HAVE R

'Mercy' is compassion for people in need. Richard Lenski - Mercy vs. Grace: 'The noun *eleos* (mercy) ... always deals with what we see of pain, misery and distress, these results of sin; and *charis* (grace) always deals with the sin and guilt itself. The one extends relief, the other pardon; the one cures, heals, helps, the other cleanses and reinstates.'

James 2:12-13 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.