

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * We welcome everyone especially new friends who are worshipping with us this morning. May God bless those who attend today's service.
- * A prayer team is available to pray with you on the left side of the sanctuary after worship.
- * 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.
- * Thank you to all who came out to help yesterday for our Spring Cleaning!
- * 2nd Preaching Workshop will be Saturday June 1 starting at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER

- * 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.
- * Sister Susan Kao – Pray for her to be able to get her treatment in Houston. Pray for healing of broken bones and endurance for her and her husband as he cares for our dear sister.
- * Paula will be sorting, 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 in Tulsa.
- * Pray for decisions going forward for the building restoration work.
- * Pray regarding this summer's mission work/trip for youth AND adults! We may have a potential mission work with John316 mission here in Tulsa!
- * Pray for Mary as she pursues the Lord's way in being able to stay in the U.S. She got her I-20 from TCC and now needs to be able to change her visa without leaving the US.
- * Praise the Lord - Angeline got a job in Des Moines, Iowa!
- * Pray for good home care to be found for Elder Sugin's parents. Thank you for praying for Sister Ling's mother who now has an experienced worker 4 hours a day!
- * Samuel Fang has one job offer and waiting on more. Pray. Daniel just finished his MDiv! Pray for his next steps.
- * Brother Jimmy had a second interview. Pray for a door to open for work in his field of expertise.
- * Pray for Esther and Oscar who left Friday for China. Pray for open doors for the gospel.
- * Pray for the Hsieh family who travel to Taiwan May 24.
- * Sister Dujuan (Alice) travels to C on the 21st for a few months. Pray as she takes care of personal matters.
- * Pray for Sophia Lee taking her 2nd Year Medical Board exam in June.
- * Brother Jeccy will have a delicate eyelid procedure May 23. The doctors need to get things exactly right. Pray that this will be a big blessing to him.

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



The Blessing of Persecution - Matthew 5:10-12 **May 19, 2024**

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1. We are blessed in Persecution when it is for the R R

2 Tim. 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Matthew 24:9, "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake."

2. Persecution has many F

John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Luke 6:26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

3. Persecution can bring R in our hearts

John 15:18-21 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

1 Peter 4:12-14 Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you

Acts 5:40-41 They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Rejoice because persecution has a G_____ R_____

Rejoice because persecuted believers are in G_____ C_____

"Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Heb. 13.3